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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 7:21 PM

To: 'Meghan N Stapleton'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Cc: Spencer; Kari L (GOV); 'bruce_anders@dnr.state.ak.us'; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); 'mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us'; Balash; Joseph R (GOV); 'john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us'; Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Re: Eddie Burke

i agree, and i need help in finding extra minutes in the day to get the word out on AGIA.

we really, really need to tap into others to pick up some of this. i can't monitor the talk shows and keep up with what's being said out there in SouthCentral, so will need a lot of help in that area.

thanks. please let me know what everyone's solution is to this as I wade through a few other issues regarding time constraints that I'm under with the budget, personnel issues, etc. i will continue to try to carve out time in the day to more fully scan news clippings and try to catch some of the talk shows via internet, but so far I haven't found even an extra minute to be able to tune in to the shows unless I'm there in SouthCentral while driving in my car. i called in to Carrigan's show, the Michael Dukes show, and dropped by Fagan's show yesterday, but can not keep that up when I'm down here in Juneau.

we need to be aggressive on the public education aspect of gasline progress. we're getting killed on the radio and in some print, and i need folks to really help ramp up accurate counter comments to the misinformation that's being spread out there.

please help here and let me know who's doing what so i can rest assured this is being addressed.

Meghan N Stapleton <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:

> As Kris said, she and I spoke about this. I think we do need to start testing the waters and dipping our toes here and there to gauge response and reward those who are encouraged about learning the truth and disseminating it. I believe that we should give Eddie a shot - no more information than revealed yesterday, but I do believe it's worth it. Eddie and Ivan Moore work together on the show with Republican / Democrat give and take. Ivan would be biased, but I believe fairly so - and it's entirely expected in a format like this.
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Kris Perry
> Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 2:53 pm
> Subject: Eddie Burke
> To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
> Cc: 'Kari Spencer' , 'Meghan Stapleton'

> Governor,
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> I just got off the phone w/Eddie Burke. If possible, he'd love for
> you to
> call in to his show this afternoon on KBYR around the 5 o'clock
> hour. He
> realizes that you're extremely busy and I told him that there are no
> guarantees as you have meetings at that time.
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> FYI, he's been very supportive, taking the opposite approach of
> Fagan on the
> gasline and also taking the Voice of the Times to task.
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> The call-in # 274-5297. Subject would be gasline.
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> I ran it by Meg.
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> Kris
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From: Governor Sarah Palin [governor@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 3:38 PM
To: Frye; Ivy J (GOV)
Subject: FW: RE:

From: Cmenard [mailto:cmenard@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 3:16 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Subject: Re: RE:

I only wish I was going to Juneau with Sally today. We want to have a HOT game of Scrabble in the Gov. Mansion.thank you Ivy for the email. Mayor Menard and I will head to Wash DC o n March 11th. Are you heading this way for the Anch ball? Should be fantastic. After this one, I'll be balled out. Linda Menard

> ----- Original Message -----
> **From:** Governor Sarah Palin
> **To:** 'Cmenard'
> **Sent:** Friday, February 02, 2007 12:40 PM
> **Subject:** RE:
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> Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.
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> **From:** Cmenard [mailto:cmenard@mtaonline.net]
> **Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2007 11:31 PM
> **To:** governor@gov.state.ak.us
> **Subject:**
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> Since my father, Robert Gouin was selected to be Commissioner for the DNR of the state of Michigan back in the late 60's, I feel compelled to suggest a good, professional, and moral man for the ADFG position, namely, Corey Rossi. This is an area of government that will have all Alaskans watching for success or failure. Please give Corey Rossi your consideration. Thank-You! Linda Menard and Curt Menard
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From: Katz, John W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JWKATZ]

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 11:36 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Nyholm; Allison J (GOV); Chip Abernathy; Kim; Anna C (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Bitney; John W (LAA); Spencer; Kari L (GOV); Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton; Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: DC Trip - Talking Points & Meetings

In preparation for your trip to DC, I have written the attached talking points covering issues that may arise in your various meetings. The talking points have been reviewed by agency personnel and others.

Separately, I will forward additional material prepared by members of the Cabinet or their staffs in response to my request for assistance. The preeminent issue for your non NGA meetings will likely be the gas pipeline, and Joe Balash is working on talking points.

Below are suggested issues for those meetings which will not focus solely on the gas pipeline.

Secretary Kempthorne

- Natural Gas Pipeline
- Alaska's Energy Message, including ANWR, NPR-A, and North Aleutian Basin
- Polar Bears/ESA
- Subsistence Management
- King Cove-Cold Bay Road
- 2009 Legislation/State Land Entitlement

Alaska Congressional Delegation

- Natural Gas Pipeline
- Energy Education Campaign, including ANWR and other issues
- Listings under the Endangered Species Act - polar bears, beluga whales, etc.
- Climate Change/Coastal Erosion/Research
- No Child Left Behind (Senator Murkowski)
- Medicaid Reform (Senator Murkowski)
- Federal Appropriations (Senator Stevens)
- Aquaculture Legislation (Senator Stevens and Congressman Young)

Please let me know if I can assist further.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 8:47 AM

To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Bitney; John W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Meghan Stapleton; Sarah Palin

Subject: NYTimes/Gas Pipeline

Tom Irwin, Pat Galvin, Bruce Anders, Joe Balash (on the phone), and the DC office met today to discuss FERC strategy. Based on the discussion, we concluded that FERC staff should be re-acquainted with our concerns and asked to do something about it.

This would lay the foundation for the Governor's meeting with the FERC Chairman next week. He probably won't agree to amend the FERC report. However, he will have numerous opportunities on Capitol Hill and elsewhere to correct the record and should be asked to do so.

This same strategy would be applied to the Department of Energy, where Secretary Bodman has also made a negative statement. Hopefully, there will be a staff level meeting as well at the Vice President's office.

Regarding my discussion with FERC staff, they minimized the negative connotation in the key sentences of the last paragraph of their report and pointed to the final sentence about the State's forging ahead. My response consisted of three parts: the previous contract was not viable for several reasons; we understand the national interest in commercializing North Slope gas; and the Governor has a plan which will soon be announced.

We agreed that the media had contributed to the negative interpretation. This discussion ended amicably, and we agreed to keep talking to each other as the pipeline issues evolve.

As a separate matter, Meg, Bruce Anders, and I should talk further - Bruce and I spoke today - about how to project Alaska's message to the DC and national media.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

>>> On 2/19/2007 at 2:02 pm, Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

> You're right.
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> Tibbles - can you get that ASAP, and/or talk to Katz ASAP on this! If you can't, please delgate it to someone else as soon as you possibly can. Meg can get a statement out that includes anything positive FERC can offer as soon as she receives it.
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> We should have done this right when the report came out and naysayers

began capitalizing on the statement that's been repeated now so often.

Can you have Katz also put in writing what the three FERC persons reported to him about the true meaning of the report's comments re: Alaska's slippage.

please. ASAP. thanks.

Meghan Stapleton <akpresssec@yahoo.com> wrote:
We need a letter from FERC - truly ASAP. It's killing us and it's not even how they feel.
----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Scott Heyworth <heyworth@gci.net>
To: Bill Ward <LowrFalls@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2007 10:02:17 PM
Subject: NYTImes: With New Pipeline Plan, Alaska's Governor Enters Precarious Territory

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Juneau Journal
With New Pipeline Plan, Alaska's Governor Enters Precarious Territory
Charles Mason for The New York Times
Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska greeting her husband, Todd, a champion snowmobiler, after a race in Fairbanks.

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By WILLIAM YARDLEY

Published: February 19, 2007
JUNEAU, Alaska, — The new administration of Gov. Sarah Palin has been full of firsts. Ms. Palin, a Republican, is Alaska's first female governor and, at 42, its youngest.
She held her inauguration in frosty Fairbanks, a first that suited her conservative supporters but slighted the traditional host, this rainy, remote and less Republican state capital. She also appears to be the only governor in history whose spouse is a champion snowmobile racer and a former Arctic oil worker,

and is widely referred to as First Dude.

Now, two months after taking office, Ms. Palin wants to become the first Alaska governor to deliver what many others have sought without success: construction of a $30 billion pipeline to transport natural gas from the state's North Slope to markets in the lower 48 states.

It is an enormous project that could strengthen Alaska's energy-based economy for decades to come, while also, according to some estimates, supplying 7 percent of the nation's natural gas annually.

But pulling off this first is shaping up to be more complicated.

Elected by a wide margin after promising to bring "new energy" and "transparency" to the pipeline project, Ms. Palin took office in December and immediately backed away from the negotiations that her predecessor, Frank H. Murkowski, had been pursuing with the three major energy companies that control much of the land where gas would be developed.

Ms. Palin has long criticized those negotiations as back-room dealings whose extensive incentives and tax breaks would have benefited the energy companies, BP, Exxon Mobil and ConocoPhillips, far more than they would have Alaska.

"Don't get me started," she said in an interview in her Capitol office on Thursday.

So next month, Ms. Palin intends to introduce the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act, a bill that would open the bidding to new players, as well as the old ones. She says her plan would ensure new jobs and access to gas for state residents. She also says that whoever gets to control the pipeline must allow for its potential expansion so that other gas developers can use it at reasonable prices, thus encouraging more development.

The new plan, however, would delay a formal agreement until next year at the earliest, and it would be another decade, until 2018, before the pipeline was in operation.

Ms. Palin won votes last fall for vowing to take just such steps, but in taking them, she has stirred concern beyond Alaska at a time when the Bush administration says it wants to develop new sources of energy.

In a report to Congress last month, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission said "the schedule for an Alaska gas pipeline has slipped considerably." The state's senior senator, Ted Stevens, a Republican famous for bringing big projects home, has openly expressed worry.

And on Tuesday, Rex W. Tillerson, the chairman and chief executive of Exxon Mobil, one of the companies that hopes to build the pipeline, said: "I don't really know where we are. I don't think it looks like Alaska knows where it wants to go, either."

Ms. Palin dismissed that talk. But next week, when she attends a National Governors Association meeting in Washington, she plans to visit Alaska's Congressional delegation and meet with officials at Exxon Mobil and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, among others. Besides putting minds at ease, she said, she wants to broaden the appeal of the project with the goal of gaining leverage in negotiations.

"This project is so much bigger than Alaska and Alaska's interests," Ms. Palin said. "This is for the nation. This is to supply domestically safe sources of fuel. We're going to be able to do that. We should be leading in a national energy plan."

The report by the energy commission suggested just such thinking, although it had a more urgent tone than in earlier assessments and sprinkled in some

skepticism.

"The main obstacle to progress on an Alaskan gas pipeline is the failure to resolve state issues necessary before a project sponsor will commit to go forward," the report said. "The fresh competitive approach announced by the new governor must be successful if Alaska gas is to be part of the nation's energy supply solution in the coming years."

Steve Rinehart, a spokesman for BP Exploration Alaska, which controls the most land in the area expected to be developed first, said that with natural gas prices projected to stay relatively high and oil production on the North Slope declining, "the time has come to bring that gas to market."

"It makes sense economically," Mr. Rinehart said. "It makes sense for the life of this oil field."

But in the past, aides to Ms. Palin said, the big energy companies refused to commit to expanding the pipeline or to allow outside companies to use it for reasonable fees.

Mr. Rinehart disagreed. "We were ready to address those issues," he said, "but the process stopped."

Critical to pushing a plan through is the state's 60-member, Republican-controlled Legislature. Mr. Murkowski, a former United States senator, clashed with state lawmakers over his pipeline plan through his final days in office. Ms. Palin, by contrast, has echoed their concerns about giving away too much in tax breaks to the energy companies.

"What the governor has is a lot of credibility with the public," said State Representative John Harris, the speaker of the House. "She's been a breath of fresh air, in my opinion."

Lyda Green, president of the Senate, said Ms. Palin came to office without the intimate knowledge of the energy and financial industries that Mr. Murkowski had. But "she's a very quick study," Ms. Green said. "She has good people around her."

Ms. Palin has brought back some top staff members who left in protest over how Mr. Murkowski had been conducting the pipeline negotiations. Now she wants them to help her complete the deal that Mr. Murkowski never could.

"We are crafting this whole process with our arms open, even for Exxon," Ms. Palin said. "Come on in and let us know what you have in terms of a proposal to commercialize Alaska's natural gas."

Need a quick answer? Get one in minutes from people who know. Ask your question on Yahoo! Answers.

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From: Ivy Frye [Ivy_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 8:02 AM
To: govpalin@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: FW: Hello

This is in the Frontiersman today.

-----Original Message-----
From: Jack Krill [mailto:jkrill@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 12:04 AM
To: 'Ivy Frye'
Subject: RE: Hello

Hey Ivy - The Fire Service Area Board met tonight to go over all of the charges in public and they voted to reinstate me as soon as possible! We'll have to see now what the Borough does.

-----Original Message-----
From: Jack Krill [mailto:jkrill@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2007 1:31 PM
To: 'Ivy Frye'
Subject: RE: Hello

Hey Ivy, forgot to say Happy (belated) Valentines Day! It was good to chat last night, sounds like things are going very well for you in Juneau, it must be exciting to work for Sarah.

The other thing I was going to give you a heads up on was that I planned on sending in my resume with a cover letter to Commissioner Monegan for the State Fire Marshal (Director of Division of Fire Prevention) position that is currently vacant. With all of the controversy and stuff I am going through right now, I can understand if they would want to stay away from considering me for a state position.

Monday at 6pm is the public meeting with the Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors for them to see both sides and decide to either support or not support the Borough Manager's decision to terminate. I can explain more later, but I still have faith that things will work out in the end.

Give me a call sometime, Privileged.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ivy Frye [mailto:ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2007 7:18 PM

To: Jack Krill

Subject: RE: Hello

Whenever you have time. Happy valentines day!

-----Original Message-----

From: "Jack Krill" <jkrill@yahoo.com>

To: "'Ivy Frye'" <ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us>

Sent: 2/14/07 4:32 PM

Subject: RE: Hello

What's a good time to call?

From: Ivy Frye [mailto:ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2007 11:47 AM

To: 'Jack Krill'

Subject: RE: Hello

Jack,

Great to hear from you! Thanks for the email. How are things with you? I hope everything is coming together up there. I'm not impressed with some of the people up that way, but I guess I shouldn't talk about it in email. Give me a call some time if you have the chance. Privileged c.

From: Jack Krill [mailto:jkrill@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, February 12, 2007 10:09 AM

To: ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Hello

Hi Ivy! Congratulations on your new job, hope everything is going well!

Jack

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From: Ivy Frye [Ivy_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 12:24 PM
To: govpalin@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: FW: Financial Disclosure ammendment

From: John Bitney [mailto:john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2007 10:06 PM
To: 'Ivy Frye'
Cc: 'Christopher Clark'
Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure ammendment

We've given the amendment to Senate Judiciary for inclusion in the Governor's bill.
The House subcommittee will take up their version this week.

It will appear this week...my prediction

From: Ivy Frye [mailto:ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2007 3:56 PM
To: 'John Bitney'
Subject: Financial Disclosure ammendment

JB,

Just wanted to check in and see where this was. I think you said the last time it was in Judiciary. Keep up the great work.

Ivy Frye
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MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA
Office of the Governor

TO: Governor Sarah Palin
FROM: Joe Balash
DATE: 2/20/07
TELEPHONE: 907-465-4022

SUBJECT: Briefing paper regarding meeting with the Alliance on 2/21/07

Founded in 1979, the Alaska Support Industry Alliance represents companies and organizations that provide goods and services for Alaska's oil, gas and mineral industries. There are 400+ member companies who provide 30,000 Alaskan jobs. The Alliance is a 501(c)(6) trade association and has chapters in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kenai.

The Alliance hosts the annual Meet Alaska conference and trade show in Anchorage—which you addressed in January. They conduct an annual Juneau fly-in, which is why they are in Juneau this week. They also engage in direct lobbying on industry issues. Last year, they were able to generate significant pro-industry testimony during the hearings on PPT and will likely play a leading role in testimony on AGIA. As an organization, they support a highway project as opposed to an LNG project.

Their 2007 Legislative Priorities are:

1. Legislative Approval of a Gas Fiscal Contract which:

    - Encourages earliest possible construction of a pipeline
    - Promotes use of Alaskan contractors and suppliers
    - Guarantees fair and open competition for pipeline work
    - Provides for in-state access to supplies
    - Ensures 3rd-party access and expansion capability

2. No reconsideration of PPT adopted in 2006

3. Promote a positive business climate for oil and gas reinvestment

    - They cite the need to reinvest $60 billion over the next 10 years to sustain base production and pursue new exploration and development

4. Fiscal Responsibility—advocates for a fiscal plan now, while surpluses are in effect

5. Support legislation that promotes the development of a highly skilled and globally competitive resident Alaskan workforce that will meet the current and future needs of the oil, gas and mining industries.

6. Oppose any legislation pre-empting or undermining the regulatory and permitting process for the Pebble Mine project.

The Alliance is governed by a 14-member board of directors with 5 executive officers. The president of the organization is **Jim Palmer**, a private consultant who previously worked at BP. One of his leading clients is Pioneer Oil. The executive director is **Paul Laird**, former spokesman for BP.

These board members are likely to be very sympathetic to the arguments put forward by the Producers on AGIA. You may even get some criticism with regard to your comments on Exxon, Point Thomson, and the content of your speeches. Don't let them lay blame at your doorstep. Make sure they understand that you have met with the Producers, you have asked them to participate constructively in the formation of AGIA, and their response has been to try and get you back off. Looking at their state priorities/goals for a fiscal contract, you share many of the same goals. AGIA is designed to accomplish each of those: early construction, Alaska hire, in-state use, competition for jobs, and access for explorers.

cc: Mike Tibbles, Chief of Staff